Proposals for electrification of villages in Madhya Pradesh

†680. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Government has forwarded proposals to the Ministry for electrification of 185 villages, located in inaccessible and forest areas;

(b) if so, the present status of these proposals;

(c) by when these proposals would be cleared;

(d) whether this work is being done on priority, keeping in view the sufferings of forest dwellers and tribes for want of electricity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (e) Yes Sir. Out of these, proposals for 116 villages were submitted by 2004-05. The Ministry sanctioned financial support for electrification of 48 of these villages. However, projects in 18 villages were later cancelled by Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd. (MPUVN). From 2005-06 onwards, it was decided to provide financial support under the Remote Village Electrification Programme for only those villages which are identified by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for unfeasibility of electrification through grid connectivity. Proposals complete in all respects for electrification of 150 such REC identified villages, received from MPUVN have been approved by the Ministry for financial support. The work has been taken up on priority basis by MPUVN and so far it has been completed in 70 villages.

NSPCL's power plant in Purena

†681. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 500 MW power plant of NTPC-SAIL Power Company Ltd. (NSPCL) a joint venture of NTPC and SAIL, is ready in Purena in Chhattisgarh and it is scheduled to start power generation from March, 2008;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government is not providing water for this project;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the said project would start power generation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) 2 x 250 MW Captive Power Plant of NTPC-SAIL Power Company Pvt. Ltd. (NSPCL), a joint venture of NTPC and SAIL on 50:50 basis, located in Purena, District Durg is presently under execution and all out efforts are being made by NSPCL to start power generation from its 1st 250 MW Unit during 2007-08.

(b) No, Sir. Before the project investment approval, NSPCL had received in-principal approval for 1 Trillion Cubic Metre (TCM) per year water availability from the Government

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of Chhattisgarh, Water Resource Department (WRD) in August 2003 and NSPCL paid commitment charges of Rs. 7.13 lakh to the Government of Chhattisgarh as per their advice. However, later Water Resource Department informed NSPCL that water supply to the proposed plant of NSPCL shall be made from the Mohad Reservoir in Durg to be constructed for meeting the requirement and cost of reservoir shall be shared by NSPCL NSPCL had sent its confirmation of acceptance of the proposal of the Government of Chhattisgarh for sharing the estimated cost of construction of Mohad Reservoir.

Subsequently, on request of the Water Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, NSPCL reviewed its water requirement and reduced it to 0.6 TCM from earlier 1 TCM at intake point of NSPCL. Government of Chhattisgarh sent revised proposal dated 2.11.2007 for sharing proportionate cost of Rs. 110 Crore towards revised construction cost of Mohad Reservoir. NSPCL has already sent its consent. The same is under process by the Government of Chhattisgarh.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply at (b) above.

(d) All out efforts are being made by NSPCL to start power generation from its 1st 250 MW Unit during 2007-08.

Financial help to Orissa by REC

682. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) proposes to grant huge financial help of Orissa for infrastructure development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would help to light up all the hamlets in the remote tracts of the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Rrual Electrification Corporation (REC) as a financial institution supplements resources of State Power Utilities for implementation of rural electrification programme in the States against the eligible projects received from them under REC's normal loan portfolio. In addition REC also proposes to provide loans for development of Power Sector in Orissa. Accordingly, REC would endeavour to provide full support for creation of rural electricity infrastructure in Orissa against the eligible projects received from the State Government/State Power Utilities.

REC is also the nodal agency for implementation of RGGVY for electrification of villages. As regards Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in Orissa, the State has submitted 31 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) covering electfication of 13,657 unelectrified villages, re-electrification of 4,223 de-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 28,854 alerady electrified villages in the State involving an outlay of Rs. 3650.16 crore.

(c) The implementation of all the RGGVY projects in Orissa would provide access of electricity to all rural households by lighting up all the hamlets with population in excess of 100 in the State except remote villages/hamlets identified for electrification through non-conventional sources of energy under Ministry of New & Renewable Energy programme.